



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD Sixty-five Years of Growth and Service

Sixty-five years ago, on November 24th, a group of men and women, concerned about the vanishing history of Haddonfield, met to find a way to protect and preserve what was left.

Indeed, Haddonfield history was vanishing - through bequests, through sales and through moves, transfers and also, sadly, through ignorance. Family papers and documents relating to Haddonfield were given to libraries or established historical societies; furniture, paintings and related articles of historic value were migrating to other locations through purchase, gifts or transfer. And through neglect or ignorance, a great deal of valuable material was destroyed or discarded.

That concern about the possibility of Haddonfield's losing more of its heritage was a matter of importance may be established by the fact that at the very first meeting, a committee was established to draw up a constitution and bylaws.

At the meeting of December 4, 1914, bylaws were presented, and a name of the newly established organization was decided upon . . .

*Historical Society of Haddonfield,
New Jersey*

Next, the drafters of the constitution and bylaws defined the Society's purpose as follows:

"The object of the Society shall be the study of the History of the Borough of Haddonfield, the County of Camden, and The State of New Jersey; the study of organizations, societies, families, individuals and events; the collection and preservation of articles of historic value; the establishment and maintenance of a historical library; and the publication, from time to time, of such historical information as may be deemed expedient."

Until the dedication of the Library and Historical Building in 1921, the Society's "home" was the Indian King. And even today, many of the articles on display there are gifts given to the Historical Society.

At its new home in the library, the Society's growing collections began to fill every available square inch of space. The Library's collection, also, was expanding and the need for additional space for both organizations was becoming acute.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"It's My Society, Too . . ."

Not too long ago, I thanked one of our members for successfully completing an assignment which involved a considerable amount of time and effort. Her response was, "Remember, it's my Society, too!"

Perhaps if we all thought of the Society as "my Society", we might regard it in a more personal way and want to become more involved in expanding its sphere of influence and in maintaining it.

How can members become more personally involved? There are many ways. For example, a member could bring a friend to one of our meetings, or to visit *Greenfield Hall*. Current members may wish to ask a friend to join the Society or perhaps give a membership as a gift.

A group of members may wish to "adopt" one of the rooms in *Greenfield Hall*, arrange displays in the room or make a study of the room's contents and write a brief account of the furnishings. Someone may wish to devote time and study to the costume collection - the baby clothes, the tea gowns, the lingerie - and arrange exhibits for friends and other members to enjoy. Still, others may wish to work in the library and become acquainted with the manuscripts, the documents - the rich vein of history gathered there.

When one begins to think of *the* Society as my Society, a subtle change takes place. The Society is impersonal; it exists; it's there. *My* Society suggests an interest, an identification, a commitment.

If the Society is to endure, to continue to serve the community, it needs now, and will always need - many, many members who say, and mean, "It's my Society, too."

PATRICIA W. LENNON
President



REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates:

For 2nd Vice President —

Richard Sherrerd

For 3rd Vice President —

Carol S. Staman

For Recording Secretary —

Helen Bartlett

For Trustees (term to expire in 1982):

Mrs. George B. Whitten, Jr.

Mrs. B. Dexter Streeter

Mrs. Elwood E. Hess

Mrs. Roger Burns

Lt. Col. Gladwyn Tatem

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Lyons, *Chairman*

Mrs. William E. Moody

Mrs. Beatrice S. Stuckert

Douglas Rauschenberger

CANDLELIGHT TOUR

The more than 200 men and women who ventured out for the Society's 14th Candlelight Tour had an enjoyable evening. At every home or building open for this year's Tour, hostesses heard the most favorable of comments.

Many Society members - and several young men and women who are not yet members - served as hosts, hostesses and ticket takers. To Hostess Committee Chairpersons Mrs. Elwood E. Hess and Mrs. Charles H. Carre' and to all those who volunteered to help — Mrs. E. W. Alff, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Sherrerd, Mrs. W. H. Conover, Miss Helen Price, Miss Jinger Watson, Mrs. E. Kent Bodine, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Drevs, Mrs. Rembert T. Edsell, Mrs. William G. Buch, Miss Edith Holgate, Miss Violet Holgate, Mrs. Floyd A. Crispin, Miss

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ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY - 1979

The Society gratefully acknowledges donations from the following persons and organizations:

Mrs. Millicent T. Carre'

Haddonfield United Methodist Church. Archives and History Committee. Haddonfield United Methodist Church . . . 1829-1979, ed. by Dorothy K. Thomas. 1979. Presented in memory of Howard R. Kemble.

Jackson, John W. With the British Army in Philadelphia 1777-1778. 1978. Presented in memory of Howard R. Kemble.

Mr. Norman G. Copsetta

Delaware, Camden County. Photostat of map.

Map of Camden County. 1856. Photostat.

Delaware River Port Authority

Photograph of PATCO station in Haddonfield.

Mrs. Laura D. Ferrell

Hinchman Family Papers, 1731-1953; ca. 125 pieces including correspondence, deeds, genealogical records, land surveys, etc. These supplement a collection of papers deposited with the Society by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hinchman in 1934. Mss.

Mrs. Edith S. Garwood

"Girl Graduate Book" and miscellaneous material relating to the class of 1914 of the Haddonfield Memorial High School. 15 pieces. Mss.

Mr. Sherwood Githens, Jr.

The Githens family in America, 1741-1977. 1978.

Haddonfield Friends of the Library

Stuckert, Mrs. Beatrice S. Haddonfield's Library. 1978.

Mr. Joseph N. Hartel

Haddon history which includes a brief survey of the village of Haddonfield in 1879. Xerox of news clipping, 1921.

Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Sr.

History of the Garden Club of Haddonfield. 1966. Typed D.

Hitchner, Boyd A. New Jersey's Bordentown-Tuckerton Road. 1964. Copy of typed doc. Ring, Betty. Samplers, skills and sentiments. 1979. News clipping.

Weaver, K.B.K. The story of a pioneer (Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh). 1954. Typed D. Invitation to attend the inaugural ceremonies of Alfred E. Driscoll As Governor of New Jersey; January 21, 1947.

Prints of the Haddonfield station. 2 pieces.

Mrs. G. Leonard Heck

Enlargement print of a postal card showing Main Street in Haddonfield, ca. 1906; with negative.

Mrs. Charles J. Hemingway

Postal card views of southern New Jersey. 31 pieces.

Mrs. Edith Hoelle

Genealogical resources in southern New Jersey. 1979.

Miss Edith V. Holgate

Colored slides of Greenfield Hall, the Hip Roof house, and the Public Library. 6 pieces.

Miss Mary C. Kirby

A pictorial guide to historic Greenwich, N.J. 1976.

A pictorial guide to the historic buildings of Mauricetown, N.J. 1977.

Mrs. David S. Lenhart

Biography and genealogy of Capt. William Coffin Shinn, 1838-1879. 1979. Copy of typed doc.

Correspondence in re *Colonial Furniture of West New Jersey*, comp. by Thomas S. Hopkins and Walter S. Cox. Mss. 1935. ca. 90 pieces.

Mrs. James J. Lennon

Junior Leagues of New Jersey. New Jersey . . . a heritage. 1976.

Miss Virginia Marshall

Quaker History, v.67,no.1,2; v.68,no.1. 1978-79.

Xerox copies of local history items including early railroad tickets. 5 pieces.

New Jersey. Dept. of Community Affairs

Citizen's guide to creating historic districts. 1976.

New Jersey. Historical Commission

Packet of materials pertaining to Thomas Edison. 1979.

Family of Joseph W. Pennypacker

Additions to the papers collected by James Lane and Joseph W. Pennypacker on local history including materials on Stephen Munson Day; notes pertaining to the Haddonfield Civic Association, 1911-1921; two letters from Richard Snowden, written from Haddonfield in 1804 and 1805, to his publisher, Jacob Johnson, relating to Snowden's History of America. Mss. 75 pieces.

The Questers. John Estaugh Chapter

Kulp, Mrs. Howard G. Mr. Currier and Mr. Ives. ca.1979. Ms.

Stedman, Mrs. A. Weir. The eagle as a symbol. 1979. Ms.

Mr. William L. Scheina

Sheina, Robert L. A matter of definition: a New Jersey navy, 1777-1783. 1979.

Mrs. J. Carl Schmidt

Salem County Historical Society. Open house, April 28, 1979. Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Tatem

The evening star, Sept. 26, 1870. Newspaper.

Haddonfield. First Presbyterian Church. Our successful dishes. 1906.

Mrs. Robert M. Tatem

Views of Haddonfield. 16 pieces.



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Greenfield Hall

343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield, New Jersey

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A DATE TO REMEMBER

November 13, 1979

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Auditorium - Friends Meeting House

Friends Avenue & Lake Street

Refreshments will be served.

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Speaker: DAVID MUNN

His Topic: THE GHOST OF RANCOCAS WOODS

Mr. Munn is Director of the Archives, State Library of New Jersey, and Trustee and past president, Camden County Historical Society.

The Ghost, in the talk Mr. Munn has carefully researched, did exist, was quite an active one and caused considerable stir in his day.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Miss Elizabeth Lyons, Chairman, Mrs. William E. Moody, Mrs. Beatrice S. Stuelert and Douglas Rauschenberger, has submitted the following slate of candidates:

For 2nd Vice President, Finance . . Richard F. Sherrerd

For 3rd Vice President, Membership. Mrs. Carol S. Staman

For Recording Secretary Mrs. Helen Bartlett

Trustees, Term to Expire in 1982:

Mrs. George B. Whitten, Jr.

Mrs. B. Dexter Streeter

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Mrs. Roger Burns

Lt. Col. Gladwyn Tatem

NOTE: The November issue of the Society's BULLETIN will be available at the Annual Meeting, November 13, 1979.

Marion Watson, Mrs. Benjamin H. Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt W. Pharo, Mr. and Mrs. Neal C. Tully, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Coston, Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Kucher, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Markoe, Mrs. Vivian L. Stauder, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Stow, Mrs. Bette C. Gericke, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette L. Hubbard, Mrs. Beatrice C. Moran, Mrs. William Black, Mrs. William Manze, Miss Eleanor Shinn, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Redman, Blair M. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall F. Ware, Mrs. Stanley L. Brown, Miss Emma Martin, Mrs. Albert D. Stiles, Mrs. and Mrs. George B. Whitten, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Colin R. Munro, Mrs. Betty Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Aiken, Miss Elaine Price, Mrs. Carol S. Staman, Miss Pamela Rahn, Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, Mrs. Beatrice S. Stuckert, Mr. Elmond Neeley, Jr., Ms. Harriet Welden, Ms. Judy Price, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Ebner and Ferris A. King . .

The Society extends its deep appreciation and sincere thanks.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF GROWTH AND SERVICE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

By 1937, the Society was able to purchase the building at 231 Kings Highway East. The building is easily recognizable with its exceptionally handsome entry door and wrought iron railing - both rescued from an about-to-be demolished residence in Old Philadelphia by Herbert Leicht and installed with funds given in memory of the donor's husband.

Here at last, the Society's Board hoped, would be a permanent home, with room for present and future needs. For a few years, the building was adequate and was the setting for many pleasantly remembered joint enterprises of painting and decorating as well as for gracious social gatherings.

Growth continued, and by the mid-1950's, as many present members well remember, books, furniture, clothing and decorative objects were to be found everywhere - even in the halls! Larger quarters were needed. In 1959, with Mr. Leicht as president, the Society purchased *Greenfield Hall*. From having too little space, there was suddenly almost too much. Rooms which were cluttered at 231 seemed stark and bare in *Greenfield Hall*.

Thanks to the generosity of Society members, all the rooms are handsomely furnished. Thanks also to substantial gifts from the Woman's Committee, two parlors, the Keeping Room, the entry hall and the stair halls have been painted and papered.

The historic two-story Samuel Mickle House is to be restored as authentically as funds permit. When completed, it will be used as a museum. Several gifts of furniture, crewel embroidered curtains have already been given for the restored Samuel Mickle House. Renovation of the two rear sheds, which have been made into one large area, is almost completed.

The Society's quest for space seems to have been solved.

Perhaps the most urgent need facing us today is to establish an identity. How do the members see the Society? How do members of the community see the Society? What must we do to create an awareness of the Society's existence? Of its objectives? How can we present the Society to the people of Haddonfield as an active, dynamic organization whose purpose and programs will enhance enjoyment of and respect for the qualities which make Haddonfield the unique town which its residents are proud to call "home".



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ABOUT . . GREENFIELD HALL

Thanks to the repairs made to the patio at the rear of the building, a grant from the Woman's Committee and some innovative adjustments made by Ferris King, the dampness problem which has long plagued the basement is well on the way to being solved. If the present venerable exhaust fan cannot be repaired, a new one will be installed. With the addition of a fan, Mr. King believes the tools and artifacts displayed in the basement will be spared further damage from dampness and mold.

On the other hand, major problems do exist and must be addressed soon before serious damage occurs.

It is time to consider painting the exterior. Bricks, including those in the chimney, on the north elevation of the building are eroded, loose and many have "popped" out of their cement beds. Several local experts have made an examination, as have Cheryllyn Wadell and Bernard Callan (our guest speakers for the September meeting). It is a situation which cannot be neglected and which, to be remedied properly, is going to be expensive.

Greenfield Hall is unique. It is our obligation to maintain it in as perfect condition as possible - for the generations following ours to enjoy.

SAMUEL MICKLE HOUSE RESTORATION

The two back sheds which were added to the House in 1790 and 1836, respectively, are to be combined into one large area. The addition of a powder room and a small, fully equipped kitchen, will make the Samuel Mickle House independent of *Greenfield Hall* . . a desirable arrangement during this era of high heating costs.

A new, modern heating unit, with zoned heat controls, has been installed, making it possible to heat only one room at a time or both, when necessary. The electrical system, being upgraded now, will also serve the needs of both parts of the building. When the restoration of the original, historically valuable 1736 building can be undertaken, there should be no additional expense for utility installation.

Ferris King, who is the Society's project manager, has been assiduously watching expenses and obtaining materials at the most advantageous price without sacrifice of quality.

Much work has been completed in the renovation of the two back sheds. There is much to be done . . but a dream is coming close to reality.

